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CAMPBELL, JAMES M. *The Second Coming of Christ: A Message for the Times.* New York: Methodist Book Concern, 1919. 136 pages. \$0.60.

The only source of knowledge on the subject of Christ's second coming is the New Testament. To the New Testament, therefore, Mr. Campbell resorts in his desire to answer the questions of when and how the second coming is to take place. His search of his source is open-minded and careful. His exegesis is free from vagaries and fanciful literalisms. He comes to the conclusion that the second coming foreshadowed in the New Testament is not to be identified with the coming of the Holy Spirit. But he declines to interpret the words of the New Testament as predicting an individual bodily re-entrance of Jesus into the world. The second coming therefore means the reincarnation of Christ in the whole body of humanity. The incarnation is bodily, but not fleshly and individual. The style is expository throughout. The controversial element is totally absent. As a study of a living question from a unique point of view the little book is worthy of all consideration.

A. C. Z.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Record of a Quaker Conscience: Cyrus Pringle's Diary. With an introduction by Rufus M. Jones. New York: Macmillan, 1918. 93 pages. \$0.60.

Cyrus Pringle was an uncompromising Quaker, who was drafted for military service July 13, 1863. This diary records the experiences and meditations of this conscientious objector during nearly five months of steady refusal to give any active service, either direct or indirect, in obedience to military orders. While he complains very little, the strain of constant passive resistance completely broke his health. He was ultimately paroled by President Lincoln. Professor Jones, in his introduction, gives a sympathetic interpretation of the Quaker's ideal of maintaining the inner integrity of his personality. The diary reveals the pathetic dilemma of an unalterable alien in war time, no less pathetic when the alienation is religious rather than political.

G. B. S.

NOIRÉ, LUDWIG. *The Origin and Philosophy of Language*, 2d ed., revised and enlarged. Chicago: Open Court Publishing Co., 1917. 159 pages. \$1.00.

This is one of the curious books published by the Open Court, i.e., by the energetic and always selfless and truth-seeking genius of the late, lamented Paul Carus. It can hardly be described as one of the Open Court's notable contributions, of which there are more than is generally known. Perhaps the reason for the choice of Noiré lay in the fact that he was a monist. The reviewer cannot but wish that a translation of Wundt's material on the same subject might have been offered instead.

M. S.